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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gerd JONAS et al.
Serial No.: 10/660,982
Confirmation No.: 6109
Filed: September 12, 2003

Examiner: RABAGO, Roberto
Group Art Unit: 1713

For: **SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER WITH SLOW ABSORPTION TIMES**

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement mailed September 14, 2005,
Applicants hereby elect the following single disclosed species for each component as claimed in
claims 1 to 10 and 21 to 25 for prosecution on the merits in connection with the above-identified
application:

unsaturated acid is acrylic acid;
internal crosslinker is polyethyleneglycol diacrylate;
surface crosslinker is ethylene carbonate;
first neutralizing agent is sodium hydroxide; and
second neutralizing agent is calcium hydroxide.

The attorney for the Applicants has carefully examined claims 11 to 20 of the present
application. Claims 11 to 20 are directed to a water insoluble, slightly cross-linked, partially
neutralized, hydrophilic, superabsorbent polymer having certain listed properties and do not
include a component having species as set forth in claims 1 and 21. It is believed claims 11 to 20

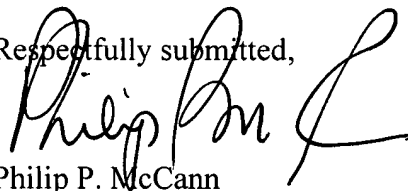
are not a genus and should not be subjected to the foregoing species restriction requirement.

However, in the alternative, if the Examiner is not persuaded of this fact, then Applicants hereby elect the above single disclosed species for claims 11 to 20.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the attorney if any questions arise.

If any fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 502190.

Respectfully submitted,



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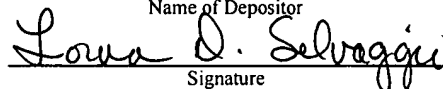
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